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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 August 2008.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 9-12 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>10/2/08</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-8 are under consideration in this application.

Claims 9 -12 remain held withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to nonelected subject matter. 37 CFR 1.142(b).

Election/Restrictions

The requirement is still deemed sound and proper and is therefore made **FINAL**.

Again, this application has been examined to the extent readable on the elected compounds wherein Ar represents a pyridine 2-yl group, R³, R⁵ and R⁶ represent nonheterocyclic groups, exclusively. All additional heterocycles pertain to nonelected subject matter.

Rejoinder cannot be offered at this time because applicants have **failed to present allowable claims drawn solely to the elected compounds and method of treating diabetes**. It is well recognized in the art that glucokinase is a class of enzymes involved in many regulatory mechanisms with other enzymes and physiological systems. Claim 8 is drawn to the treatment of any and all diseases mediated through glucokinase. There is no evidence of record that the instant compounds are able to treat and prevent all disorders mediated by glucokinase. A claim to all glucokinase mediated diseases is considered a reach through to the continuous development of the field and do not meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112. Further, claim 14 does not meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C 112. Claims 10-12 are drawn to intermediates and are **not** subject to rejoinder.

In the event of rejoinder, the requirement for restriction between the product claims and the rejoined process claims will be withdrawn, and the rejoined process claims will be fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104. **Thus, to be allowable, the**

rejoined claims must meet all criteria for patentability including the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 101, 102, 103 and 112. Until all claims to the elected product are found allowable, an otherwise proper restriction requirement between product claims and process claims may be maintained. Withdrawn process claims that are not commensurate in scope with an allowable product claim will not be rejoined. See MPEP § 821.04(b). Additionally, in order to retain the right to rejoinder in accordance with the above policy, applicant is advised that the process claims should be amended during prosecution to require the limitations of the product claims.

Applicants are reminded of propriety of process of use claims in consideration of the “reach-through” format, which is drawn to mechanistic, receptor binding or enzymatic functionality.

Reach through claims are considered lacking of descriptive and enabling support from the specification. Further, note that the prohibition against double patenting rejections of 35 U.S.C. 121 does not apply where the restriction requirement is withdrawn by the examiner before the patent issues. See MPEP § 804.01.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The rejections under 35 USC 112 are hereby withdrawn in view of applicants' amendments to the claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 1 is objected to as containing nonelected subject matter. The objection may be overcome by limiting the claim to the subject matter indicated as being examinable, supra. A claim so limited would appear allowable.

Claims 2-8 presented in independent form or made dependent on an allowable claim, would appear allowable, otherwise, they are objected to as being dependent on a nonallowed

claim. Claim 8 would appear allowable if rewritten directed solely to the elected method, *i.e.*, **treatment of diabetes.**

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patricia L. Morris whose telephone number is (571) 272-0688. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays through Fridays.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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